

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 25-12 (THE ELECTRICAL CODE) OF THE CITY CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Article 4 of Chapter 25-12 of the City Code is amended to read:

§ 25-12-113 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE – ADMINISTRATION.

80.2 Definitions.

Electrical Contractor. Under the State of Texas Chapter 1305 Title 8, Occupations Code means a person engaged in electrical contracting. For the purpose of this ordinance, contractor means electrical contractor.

Subcontractor. A person or company licensed as an electrical contractor who enters into an agreement with another contractor or owner to perform work on an electrical wiring system.

Electrical Inspector. An electrical inspector authorized by the building official to perform electrical inspections under the requirements of this Code. An electrical inspector must be an employee of the City; have a current Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Master Electrical License that was issued at least two years before the date the inspector is hired by the City; and have a current certification as a residential and commercial electrical inspector, or electrical inspector general under the certification program established by the International Code Council (ICC), or the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), or obtain such certifications within two one years after the date of hire and maintain the certifications thereafter.

80.19(I) Special Inspections Program. Electrical work may be performed under this program in occupied residential and commercial buildings or structures within the zoning jurisdiction of the City.

(1) Participation in this program is subject to the requirements of this subsection.

(a) A n electrical contractor participating in the program shall:

(b) Scope of work under the program may not:

(1) exceed a dollar evaluation of \$2,000.00;

- (2) include the disconnection, reconnection, or repair of an electrical workservice;

80.36 Licenses and Registration.

(C) Registration. To perform electrical contracting, whether by written or verbal contract, or agreement in the jurisdiction of the City, ana person or electrical contractor shall register with the City as a contractor. To register as a City electrical contractor, the contractor shall be a licensed electrical contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's Title 8, Occupations Code Chapter 1305, and 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 73.

(7) A contractor, excluding the contractor's employees, shall not utilize a person, business, or contractor to perform electrical work when the person, business, or contractor is not a current City registered contractor;

(8) A current City registered electrical contractor may contract with another current City registered electrical contractor to perform electrical work.

80.37 Suspension of Registration. This section applies to an electrical contractor registered in the City as an electrical contractor.

(B) The building official may suspend the registration of an electrical contractor after each occurrence of the following offenses: Section 80.39(A)(9) (contract to perform, or cause to be performed, electrical work requiring a permit to a person or company not licensed as a contractor; or employ a person or company to perform, or cause to be performed electrical work without required license and registration under this Code and State Licensing Law), Section 80.39(A)(14) (tampering with an electric meter to commit theft of service), and Section 80.39(A)(2) or (A)(17) (endangering or causing injury to person or property).

80.39 Offenses.

(A) No person, including but not limited to a permittee, licensee, or contractor, or subcontractor, shall:

(9) contract to perform, or cause to be performed, electrical work requiring a permit to a person or company not licensed as a contractor; or employ a person or company to perform, or cause to be performed electrical work without the required license and registration under this Code and State Licensing Law;

(9) employ a person not licensed as a master electrician/ contractor journeyman electrician, residential-wireman, or apprentice electrician to perform electrical work that requires an electrical license under the Code;

80.40 Supervision. There shall be at least one licensed journeyman electrician, licensed master electrician or licensed residential wireman on each site requiring an electrical permit to provide supervision of the electrical work. Full time supervision, direction, management, and control shall be provided by the permit holder, or an employee of the permit holder. In such case where the permit holder has contracted performance of electrical work with another City registered electrical contractor, the other contractor may provide supervision. The permit holder is responsible for the electrical work performed under the permit. The ratio of the licensed master electrician, licensed journeyman electrician, or residential wireman to licensed apprentice electricians shall not exceed one licensed master electrician, licensed journeyman electrician or residential wireman to five licensed apprentice electricians. An inspection request shall not be forwarded to the building official unless the designated supervisor has reviewed the work. A residential wireman is restricted to supervise only residential projects.

230.70(A)(3) Remote Control. Where the customer is the only customer served by the utility transformer, and the disconnecting means can not be located 25 feet or less from an accessible exterior entrance due to structural or other Code requirements, the disconnecting means shall not be located above the first floor, and utilize a remote control device to actuate the service disconnecting means when the device is installed meeting all of the requirements of (A)(3)(1) through (A)(3)(6):

- (1) The remote control device shall be installed outside at a readily accessible location, on the building or structure within sight of the utility transformer;
- (2) Wiring to the remote control device shall be installed outside of the building or structure in compliance with Section 230.6 of the National Electrical Code;
- (3) Mounted in a City of Austin Fire Department approved enclosure;
- (4) A sign permanently installed at the remote control device, red in color, made of a material suitable for the environment with letters of a color that contrasts with the color of the sign, capable of being read from a distance of 50 feet, and shall state "AFD Emergency Power Shut Off";
- (5) Maximum height to center of the remote control device shall be 6 feet, 7 inches above grade; and
- (6) A remote control device shall be installed for each service disconnect; where multiple service disconnects are permitted, the devices shall be grouped.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2013

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